

# HOUSE BILL No. 1331

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-14-17.

**Synopsis:** Increased payments for funeral and burial expenses. Increases the reimbursement for funeral director expenses and cemetery expenses for individuals who received supplemental assistance or assistance under Medicaid.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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**Saunders, Summers, Budak**

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-14-17-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. (a) This section  
3 applies upon the death of either of the following:

- 4 (1) A recipient who is receiving supplemental assistance.  
5 (2) An aged, blind, or disabled person who at the time of death  
6 was certified as eligible to receive medical assistance under  
7 Medicaid.

8 (b) Unless otherwise determined by the director, the division shall  
9 pay ~~six hundred dollars (\$600)~~ **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for the  
10 funeral director's expenses of the decedent if the following conditions  
11 exist:

- 12 (1) The estate of the deceased is insufficient to pay the funeral  
13 director's expenses.  
14 (2) The individual legally responsible for the burial of the  
15 deceased is unable to pay the funeral director's expenses.

16 SECTION 2. IC 12-14-17-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 3. Unless otherwise



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1 determined by the director, in addition to money paid by the division  
2 under section 2 of this chapter and even if the deceased or person  
3 legally responsible for the deceased possesses a burial lot, the division  
4 shall pay ~~four hundred dollars (\$400)~~ **eight hundred dollars (\$800)** for  
5 the cemetery's expenses for the deceased to cover the following:

- 6 (1) The provision of burial rights if necessary.  
7 (2) The opening and closing of a burial plot and provision of an  
8 outer container.  
9 (3) The service required by the cemetery authorities.

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